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## STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i)

Sir:

The attached foreign language patent publication—JP49-002206B is submitted due to its possible relevance, as it was cited in an Office Action (the Report) for related Japanese patent application number 2003-576788. A copy of this report in the English language is also attached. JP49-002206B belongs to the same patent family as US Patent No. 3,669,571 by Benaroya, that was previously submitted via an Information Disclosure Statement for this matter on October 4, 2006. The Report compares this reference to the claims pending in Japanese patent application number 2003-576788.

The attached foreign language patent publications—JP46-13884 and JP48-25562 are submitted due to their possible relevance, as they were cited in an Office Action (the Report) for related Japanese patent application number 2003-576788. A copy of this Report in the English language is also attached. JP48-25562 belongs to the same patent family as US Patent No. 3,541,362 by Pouit, that was previously submitted via an Information Disclosure Statement for

this matter on October 4, 2006. The Report compares this reference to the claims pending in Japanese patent application number 2003-576788.

Applicant does not necessarily agree with the conclusions in these Reports and reserves the right to distinguish over any or all of these references by arguments and/or amendments should any reference be applied in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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